

## C By the Quene.



HE Quenes Maiestie calling to her good remembraunce howe well this Realme is furnyshed with good lawes and orders, for redresse of many enormities, and howe through negligence of officers, and presumption of offendours, the same neverthelesse do rather growe then abate: hath thought mete at this present to deuyse with her counsell, howe some fewe necessary lawes verye beneficiale for this tyme, myght be duely executed and obserued, as they were meant, to the weale of the Realme, and comfort of her Maiestie. For whiche purpose her Maiestie geueth all maner her subiectes to vnderstande, that lyke as the laste yere a certayne abbreviat of Statutes was made and publyshed by order of her Counsayle vpon her commaundement, and was by the Justices of peace in diuers countreys diligently regarded, and in a great part put towardes execution, though in some other partes for lacke of tyme, the same toke not so good effecte:

So her Maiestie chargeth all maner her Justices and other ministers to whom the same shall belongethe, to take in hande agayne theye former charge geuen to them the laste yere, for the execution of the sayde Statutes, hastenyng theye assemblies for that purpose, nowe in the begynnyng of this Sommer, so as theye doynges may be certisid in such sort as they were commaunded and prescribed the laste yere.

And besydes these, her Maiestie syndeth lyke cause to haue two other great enormities dayly increasyng in this her Realme to be spedely resourmed, for which there do remayne in force good lawes. The one is, the monstruous abuse of Apparell almost in all estates, but principally in the meaner sort. The other is, the decaye and disfurniture of all kynde of Horses for service within the Realme. And because her Maiestie perceaueth, that altho the lawes be very penall in bothe these cases, yet without some speciaill direction geuen for the execution therof, the reformation wyll not ensue: Her Maiestie hath caused the statutes remaynyng in force for bothe the sayde purposes, to be briesly collected, and presently by this her Proclamation, chargeth all maner her Sheryffes to publyshe the same ioyntly with this Proclamation, and to syr the same vp in places accustomed.

And for the maner of the speedy execusion of the Statutes for Apparell and other enormities incident thereto: Her maiestie hath caused certayne good ordinances to be deuysed, and accorded by her counsell, whiche also her Maiesties pleasure is, to be well regarded, straightly kept and obserued, according to the severall limitations therof: wherefore there is good hope conceaued by her Maiestie of a spedie redresse by meanes of the saide good orders. And if in any poynct of the same statutes or orders, any doubt shall aryste for the vnderstandinge of the same: her Maiestie wylleth that the advise and awnswere of her priuate counsell be required and folowed. And for the other default tendyng to the decaye of horses within the Realme, which partly ryseth by stealyng and carrying numbers of Horses, Geldynges, Mares, and Coltes out of the Realme, and by neglectyng the breedyng and kepyng of Horses within the Realme, accordyng to the lawes prouyded.

For redresse of the former part concerning carrying out of Horses out of the Realme: her Maiestie chargeth al maner her subiectes, and others within her Realme, to take knowledge of the lawes nowe publyshed for that purpose, and not to trust in any remission of penalties therfore prouided. For the spedier obseruation whereof, her Maiestie meaneth shortly to directe her severall Commissions vnder the greate Seale, to suche partes of her Realme where the conveyaunce hath accustomably been, or hereafter may be, to enquire thereof diligently and streightly by order of lawe, and therevpon to proceade sharply to the execusion, as the cases shall require.

And as to the latter parte tendyng to the decay of breedyng & kepyng of Horses: her Maiestie doth lykewyse charge all maner her subiectes to take knowledge of the lawes remaynyng in force, and nowe publyshed at this present tym: And so that it is thought by her Maiestie, that the same lawes hath ben by diuers persons so long

forgetten, that it wyl seeme harde to haue the same spedely put in execution: her Maiestie of her gracious disposition, meaneþ to proceade to the execution therof in this maner folowyng.

Her Maiestie intendeth to direct her severall Commissions to special persons in every countie of the Realme, to enquire by order of lawe, what persons shall not haue before the .xv. of Augulle next, Horses accordyng to the Statute by reason of they; wþnes apparell mentioned in the Statute, and what other persons chargeable to breedynge or keþyng of Horses by force of the Statutes, shall not before the .xv. of December next, perfourme the meanyng and intent of the sayde Statutes, as well for breedynge as keþyng. And for the more certayne execution hereof: her Maiestie also meaneþ to cause a speciall bieu to be taken through the Realme in September next, of the numbre inquitable by the soþsayde .xv. day of Augulle, as is aboue expressed: and a lyke muster and bieu to be taken in Januarie next at one instant tyme, both of the same numbre, and of all the rest wherof inquisition shalbe made by the sayde Commission, to be prouyded before the sayde .xv. day of December. After which biews and musters taken: her Maiestie intendeth at every halfe yere to haue the same severely executed by officers specially appoynted, vntyll the Realme be replenyshed with such number of Horses, as may be well kept and mayntayned for the seruice of the same.

Of all these her Maiesties determinations, tendyng only to the weale, good order, and strength of her Realme: her Maiestie hath thought mete in this playne maner to geue notyce therof by this proclamation to all maner her subiectes, to auoyde the paynes that otherwysle therof must and shall ensue.

Penen at her Maiesties pallacie of Westminster the. vii. of May, the fourth yere of her hyghnes raigne.

God saue the Quene.

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